

**Amendment to the Specification:**

Please amend the first paragraph after the title on page 1 of this specification as follows:

This application [claims priority to application no.] is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP99/06881, filed 08 December 1999, now [publication no.] Publication No. WO 00/34490, published 15 June 2000; which claims priority to JP 10-350584, filed 09 December 1998[, which are both incorporated herein by reference].

Please add the following Abstract to the present application. The Abstract is provided on the next page as a separate sheet as required under 37 CFR §1.52(b)(4).